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In New York, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were sharply higher on most sizes. The market tone was firm entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to tight and held with confidence. Breaking stock offerings were irregular, usually tight to barely adequate. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for the light to fair demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 10 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 10.5 cents higher on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 12 cents higher on extra large and ranged 1-12 cents higher on the balance of sizes, based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was firm entering the week. Demand into all outlets was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to tight and held with confidence. Breaking stock offerings were irregular for the moderate to occasionally good demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for the light to no better than fair demand.

MIDWEST Prices were sharply higher in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 1 cent higher for medium and were unchanged for large and small. Trade sentiment was fully steady to mostly firm. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were adequate to in close balance. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were tight to barely adequate as producers ship only required contractual loads of heavy nest runs into accounts and speculate for higher values on the remainder of breaking stock. Demand was mostly good to instances very good as breakers attempt to secure additional product and keep schedules running full-time. Floor stocks tight to barely adequate. Schedules mixed from part-time to full-time, mostly full-time. Trade sentiment firm.

CHICAGO Prices for the larger sizes were unchanged while mediums advanced 1 cent. The market tone was firm. Retail and food service demand moderate, instances good. Best movement where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate to available and held with confidence.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were sharply higher on all sizes. The market tone was firm entering the week. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies ranged sufficient to tight and were held with confidence. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending October 25, 2002 was 55.99 cents, which was 2.96 cents more than a week earlier, but was 12.41 cents lower than last year. Breaking stock offerings were irregular for the moderate to occasionally good demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for normal slaughter schedules.

WESTERN Prices 9 cents higher on jumbo, 13-14 cents higher on extra large, 14 cents higher on large, and 15 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 8% higher than last Monday with California up 6% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 13%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings held confidently.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all weights. Trade sentiment was firm entering the week. Retail demand was mostly moderate to at times good for limited feature activity. Supplies were still being held with confidence and were in a range of adequate to instances tight.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	108-110	98-101	66-69
New York	75-79	73-77	60-64
Philadelphia	67.5-77	66.5-75	52.5-62
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	57.5-70	53.5-66	40-53
Jackson (1)	57-59	52-54	39-41
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	76-86	73-83	59-69
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	66-70	64-68	54-58
Detroit (2)	62-67	61-65	50-57
Major Ohio Cities (2)	65-68	63-66	52-55
Major Wisconsin Cities	65-72	64-70	53-58
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	85-87	82-85	68-70
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	104	98	90
(1) - Prices reported weekly	(2) - Delivered Warehouse		
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 9 cents higher on jumbo, 14 cents higher on extra large and large, and 15 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 6% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings held confidently. Small benchmark price 70. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack 99, buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	111
EXTRA LARGE	104
LARGE	98
MEDIUM	90

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	235-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-299	EXTRA LARGE	219-249
LARGE	199	LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	179	MEDIUM	99-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 01, 2002 will increase by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 25, 2002 were 237,992 cases which was 12 percent below the prior week and 10 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	194,495	43,497	237,992

% change from the prior week..... -15 +7 -12
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were higher. Offerings were tight to barely adequate as producers ship only required contractual loads of heavy nest runs into accounts and speculate for higher values on the remainder of breaking stock. Demand was mostly good to instances very good as breakers attempt to secure additional product and keep schedules running full-time. Floor stocks tight to barely adequate. Schedules mixed from part-time to full-time, mostly full-time. Trade sentiment firm.
PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	43-46	45
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	28-32	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was mixed but mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-OCT-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.75	8.38
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were slightly lower compared to the past week. Spent hen demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Plant schedules were normal with finished sales seasonally fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-OCT-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.75-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.71

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM OCT 28, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.4	19.4	9.9	13.0	13.1	67.8
	Change	2.9	1.4	0.4	0.1	2.2	12%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.1	62.4	19.1	25.3	32.6	166.5
	Change	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.2	0.3	5%
Large	Curr Wk	48.5	113.8	83.3	96.3	124.4	466.3
	Change	1.5	4.9	8.5	19.3	14.1	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.2	29.9	16.9	24.2	27.3	108.5
	Change	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.5	-1.9	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	5.1	6.5	5.2	5.2	8.6	30.6
	Change	-0.6	-1.0	0.7	-1.8	-0.9	-11%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.4	16.9	7.5	20.8	5.7	54.3
	Change	-0.1	-2.1	-2.8	0.6	0.1	-7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.7	57.2	30.5	35.9	33.7	185.0
	Change	6.5	1.1	13.4	3.3	5.1	19%
Total	Curr Wk	134.4	306.1	172.4	220.7	245.4	1079.0
Percent	Change	10%	2%	15%	12%	8%	8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1079.0	8%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	260.0	-6%	38
Total Shell Egg	1339.0	5%	212

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 14, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	194.2	191.1	182.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 14, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	147	147	137	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 25, 2002

CURRENT LOADS				21.25		FUTURE LOADS				18.50		TOTAL LOADS				39.75	
SE				NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	48.00	57.00	—	—	60.50	—	2.00		GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	35.00	37.00	1.00		GNR BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	63.00	1.00	
GNR BR XL	—	—	51.00	—	—	—	1.00		GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	66.00	1.50	
GNR BR 1	—	—	54.50	56.00	—	—	1.00		GL W LG	—	64.00	—	—	—	65.25	13.50	
GL W XL	—	—	65.00	65.00	57.50	—	3.50		GL W MD	—	—	—	—	52.00	54.03	2.50	
GL W LG	—	68.64	65.20	—	59.09	—	16.25										
GL W MD	—	—	46.00	48.00	45.00	—	2.25										
GL W SM	—	—	22.50	24.25	—	—	2.00										
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.50										
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	—	.25										
NRBS - 36	—	—	17.00	19.00	—	—	.75										

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/19/02-10/25/02

CURRENT LOADS			79.25		FUTURE LOADS			95.00		TOTAL LOADS			174.25		
SE			NE		MW		LOADS	SC			NW		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	42.00	49.97	44.25	42.33	52.50	46.00	34.00	GNR W 1	—	57.25	—	—	44.00	47.00	12.00
GNR W 2	—	46.50	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	63.00	1.00
GNR W 3	—	27.00	—	—	34.50	36.50	4.00	GNR BR 1	—	66.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR XL	—	—	51.00	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	70.00	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	51.00	53.75	—	—	5.00	GL W XL	57.00	55.00	—	—	—	62.15	15.25
GL W J	—	—	—	—	59.00	—	2.00	GL W LG	—	59.37	—	—	—	60.16	35.25
GL W XL	—	66.43	57.00	59.33	55.76	—	39.00	GL W MD	38.00	40.00	—	—	48.44	50.02	10.00
GL W LG	—	66.10	64.75	61.50	55.11	51.00	44.75	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	27.00	28.00	1.00
GL W MD	—	45.00	39.40	42.67	44.30	44.88	17.50	NRBS - 48	32.50	34.50	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W SM	—	—	21.67	23.17	—	—	3.00	NRBS - 42	22.00	—	—	—	—	27.00	1.00
GL BR XL	—	60.00	—	—	—	—	.50	NRBS - 39	25.00	—	—	—	—	30.00	2.00
GL BR LG	—	58.00	—	—	—	—	.50								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	40.00	43.50	42.88	27.75								
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	26.50	2.25								
NRBS - 36	—	—	17.00	19.00	—	—	.75								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA

State	Number Cases	Number Cases	Number Cases	Total State
	Shipped To	Shipped To	Shipped To	
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	

NOT AVAILABLE

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
120-123	89-92	80-83	48-51	23-26

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

REPORT NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
68-78	62-65	59-64	50-54	27-31

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
81.74	77.05	64.27	46.24

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
45-48	36-40	10-13

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/21/02	10/14/02	10/22/01
PACIFIC COAST	496	379	280
LOS ANGELES	396	292	0

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